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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application No.	10/816,611
Filing Date	April 2, 2004
First Named Inventor	Balko, <i>et al.</i>
Group Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	Sabiha N. Qazi
Attorney Docket No.	62,381A
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. **Note:** 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

**a. Previously submitted**

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Enclosed**

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1529.
- i. ☒ RCE fee of \$790 required under 37 CFR § 1.17
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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